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Rosalie A. Centeno, Secretary

In the Application of Klaus Weber et al

Ser.No.: Not Yet Known (Based on PCT/EP00/09177 filed 20 September 2000 and DE 199 45 648.8 filed 23 September 1999)

For: APPARATUS FOR THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF SUBSTRATES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the existing title with the following:

--Apparatus Having at Least Two Processing Stations and a Device for Loading and Unloading

Substrates--

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following heading:

a2 --Background of the Invention--.

On page 3, between lines 16 and 17, please insert the following heading:

a3 --Summary of the Invention--.

On page 6, between lines 11 and 12, please insert the following heading:

a4 --Brief Description of the Drawings--;